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SUBJECT: UGANDA: POLITICAL REPORT FROM AMBASSADOR

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THE FOLLOWING IS A MESSAGE FROM THE FRG EMBASSY KAMPALA
DATED FEBRUARY 17 WHICH WAS PASSED TO US FOR TRANS-
MISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT. UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLA-
TION FOLLOWS:

SUBJECT: CESSION OF UGANDAN TERRITORIES TO KENYA AND
SUDAN

1. AS WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE PRESS AND OVER THE
RADIO, PRESIDENT AMIN ON FEBRUARY 15 MADE STATEMENTS TO
THE DEFENSE COUNCIL ON EARLIER CESSIONS OF UGANDAN
TERRITORY TO SUDAN AND KENYA. THE MOST IMPORTANT POINTS
ARE THE FOLLOWING:

-- A. EARLY THIS CENTURY BRITISH COLONIALISTS
HAD CEDED PARTS OF UGANDA TO SUDAN AND KENYA. PRIOR TO
1914 ALMOST THE ENTIRE SOUTH OF THE SUDAN COMPOSED OF
NIMULE, JUBA, GONDOKORO AND THE AREA AROUND TORIT,

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WHICH REACHED UP TO THE ETHIOPIAN BORDER, HAD BEEN UNDER

UGANDAN ADMINISTRATION, SO THAT THE POPULATION OF SOUTHERN SUDAN WAS ACTUALLY UGANDAN. PRESIDENT AMIN WAS GRATEFUL TO PRESIDENT NIEMERY THAT HE PRESENTLY PERMITTED THE POPULATION OF SOUTHERN SUDAN TO HAVE ITS OWN GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT.

-- B. THREE QUARTERS OF THE MOST FERTILE TERRITORY OF KENYA, NAMELY, THE AREA FROM LAKE RUDOLF IN THE NORTH VIA SAMBURU AND THOMPSON FALLS UP TO TWENTY MILES WEST OF NAIROBI AND FARTHER ON UP TO LAKE NATRON ON THE BORDER BETWEEN KENYA AND TANZANIA, HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN UGANDAN TERRITORY AND HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO KENYA IN 1926. FOR THIS REASON THE POPULATION OF THIS AREA WAS UGANDAN. PRESIDENT AMIN FELT RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE PEOPLE AND WAS NOT HAPPY ABOUT THE FACT THAT "BRITISH SETTLERS ARE STILL KEEPING THEM AS SLAVES ON FARMS AND IN FACTORIES."

THE FACT THAT THIS WAS ONE OF THE MOST FERTILE REGIONS OF EAST AFRICA WOULD HAVE SUFFICED "TO PROVOKE HIM TO GO TO WAR TO RECLAIM THE LAND," BUT HE COULD NOT DO SO SINCE HE DESIRED PEACE.

IF, HOWEVER, THE PEOPLE OF THIS AREA WERE NOT SATISFIED WITH THEIR ADMINISTRATION, THEY OUGHT TO BE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO FORM THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT. IT WAS HIS DUTY AS SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF UGANDA "TO LIBERATE ALL UGANDA'S TERRITORIES TO CORRECT THE MISTAKES OF THE BRITISH."

HE HAD NO INTENTION WHATSOEVER TO WAGE WAR AGAINST ANY COUNTRY, BUT HE WOULD FEEL PROVOKED IF ANY COUNTRY "INTERFERES WITH THE TRANSPORTATION OF UGANDA'S IMPORTS AND EXPORTS TO AND FROM THE SEA."

2. THESE STATEMENTS OF AMIN WERE CORRECTED ON FEBRUARY 16 WHEN AMIN PROTESTED THAT HE HAD NO TERRITORIAL CLAIMS AGAINST ANY NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. IT WAS MERELY HIS WISH TO MAKE SURE THAT UGANDANS LIVING IN FORMERLY UGANDAN TERRITORIES ARE NOT EXPLOITED BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOREIGNERS. IF, HOWEVER, THE UGANDANS IN WESTERN KENYA SHOULD DESIRE INDEPENDENCE, THE TOWN OF NAKURU, WHICH HAD FORMERLY BEEN EARMARKED AS CAPITAL OF UGANDA, COULD SERVE AS THEIR CAPITAL CITY.

3. TO MINISTER OF INFORMATION ATHIEYO FELL THE THANKLESS TASK OF MAKING, ON TELEVISION, MORE DETAILED REMARKS ON AMIN'S STATEMENTS AND UGANDA'S TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT

IN THE LAST 75 YEARS. HIS FACE AND MANNER TOLD HOW
EMBARRASSING HE FOUND THE WHOLE MATTER.
FREQUENTLY REPEATING THE STATEMENT THAT HE ACTED UPON
THE INSTRUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT, HE PROVIDED HIS
AUDIENCE WITH A HISTORICAL REVIEW OF THE BORDER CHANGES

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BETWEEN UGANDA, KENYA AND SUDAN IN 1900, 1902, AND 1926.

4. SOME MEASURE OF CONSTERNATION PREVAILS AMONG
DIPLOMATS HERE. AMIN'S AFRICAN COLLEAGUES ASSUME THAT
HIS STATEMENTS WILL CAUSE HIM DIFFICULTIES IN THE
OAU AND AMIN'S PROTESTATION NOT TO HAVE ANY TERRITORIAL
CLAIMS IS DOUBTED. THESE AFRICAN SOURCES BELIEVE THAT
AMIN WANTS TO REGISTER IN TIME CLAIMS AGAINST KENYA
(NOT SUDAN) IN CASE OTHER NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES PRESS
THEIR TERRITORIAL CLAIMS AND A DISPUTE OVER THIS
DEVELOPS AFTER KENYATTA'S DEATH. EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES
FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT AMIN SHOULD BE TAKEN LESS
SERIOUSLY. THEY POINT OUT THAT AMIN MAKES STATEMENTS
AT ALMOST REGULAR INTERVALS THAT AIM AT SHOCKING OTHERS

TO SERVE HIS OWN AMUSEMENT AND DO NOT WARRANT A SEARCH
FOR ANY DEEPER MEANING. IT WOULD SEEM THAT SOMEONE
TOOK AN OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW THE PRESIDENT'S ATTENTION
TO HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COLONIAL
ERA AND THUS PLACED THE IDEA IN AMIN'S HEAD TO IMPRESS
KENYA. THERE IS MUCH TO SUPPORT THE SUSPICION THAT AMIN
WAS HELPED BY A BRITISH PROFESSOR LANGLANDS OF
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